

REUBEN AND RHODA H. CHAMPION.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 378.]

MARCH 19, 1860.

Mr. POTTER, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom were referred the petition and papers in the case of Reuben Champion and Rhoda H. Champion, his widow, submit the following report :*

That they have had the same under consideration, and find that said Reuben Champion was an assistant commissary under Colonel Henry Champion during the revolutionary war, from the year 1779 to the 22d of March, 1783. This fact is abundantly proven by the certified records of the Historical Society, by the records from the Comptroller's office, as also by the records from the office of the secretary of state of Connecticut, in the clearest and most satisfactory manner, for a period of nearly four years' service as commissary.

It is also proven by the Hartford county records that the said Reuben Champion died on the 26th of April, 1838, in great poverty, subsisting upon the charity of the county ; that he was married to Rhoda H. Jewett on the 12th day of November, 1782.

The facts being proven that Reuben Champion was an assistant commissary during the revolution, and that he survived the passage of the act of 7th June, 1832, entitles him to the benefit of the provisions of said act.

It being also proven that he was married to his wife prior to the last period of his service as assistant commissary, she became entitled to the benefits of the provisions of the act of 4th of July, 1836.

Upon application to the Pension office for the proper pension due under the aforesaid acts, the claim was rejected upon the mere technical ground that the case had not been "sustained as required by the regulations."

Your committee being fully satisfied that the service as assistant commissary has been as undoubtedly proven as public records can establish ; that Reuben Champion served from 1779 to the 22d of March, 1783 ; that the marriage occurred on the 12th of November, 1782 ; that under act of June 7, 1832, he became entitled to its provisions ; and that, as they were married prior to the last period of his service, they therefore report a bill placing them on the pension roll under acts to which they are respectively entitled.

